

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHANNEL ISLANDS
CAMARILLO, CA**

HIGHLIGHTS

Minutes

The State Commission approved the July 20, 2000 meeting minutes.

Master Plan for Education

The State Commission will reconsider this issue at its October meeting. While there was significant discussion and general support for the concept of the State Commission participating in the development of a Master Plan for Education, which would include an early childhood component in addition to Kindergarten through University, Commissioners raised a number of questions regarding the viability of the plan and the support of the K-12 community for an early childhood component. State Commission staff was asked to further develop a proposal for Commission consideration in October. The California Legislature's Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education has been charged with developing the Master Plan by November 30, 2002.

Request for Proposal for Community and Media Outreach

The State Commission approved the Commission staff to begin drafting the Request for Proposal for the Community and Media Outreach component of the Statewide Public Education Campaign.

The Staff will develop the RFP this month and return to the State Commission in October for approval and release of the document. At that time the staff will present the final budget and scope of the RFP and timeline for the review process.

Reporting and Evaluation: Preliminary Phase

CCFC staff received support to go ahead with the preliminary phase of the Prop. 10 reporting project, the purpose of which is to standardize data collection and reporting of results (outcomes).

The project will initially focus on the bigger picture and develop a common language of reporting. Also at their request, the project will build on the efforts of those counties that

are more advanced in their data collection and reporting efforts. County Commission representatives also showed interest in identifying a core set of indicators that would be reported to the State Commission.

State Commissioners also requested that information for special needs populations be collected in the process, and they approved up to \$500,000 to support this project.

Central Valley Farm Worker Demonstration Project

Commission members approved a \$49,350 grant for a regional Central Valley study phase to provide coordinated services for young children and their families. This grant funds a feasibility study and planning phase to address farm workers' child care and family support needs in Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced and Stanislaus Counties. The goal of the planning phase is to develop a coordinated, regional plan for a demonstration project linking quality child care, schools, and family-coordinated services for the target population.

Advisory Committee on Diversity

The Commission approved the three individuals nominated to the Advisory Committee on Diversity by the Association of California County Children and Families Executives.

The new advisory committee members are the following County Commission Executive Directors:

Brenda Blasingame from Contra Costa County
Rafael Lopez from Santa Cruz County
Donna Michelson from Modoc County

Calendar for Remainder of 2000 and 2001

The Commission rescheduled its December 21st meeting in Santa Barbara. The meeting date has been changed to December 14th.

The Commission also approved its Calendar for 2001. The Commission will continue to meet on a monthly basis on the third Thursday of each month (except December). Invitations from the County Commissions to host the State Commission meeting are encouraged and welcomed.